GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:76
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2001
POLLUTION IN RIVERS
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of rivers which have become polluted because of dumping of polluted effluents;

(b) whether the Government have chalked out any action plan for making rivers pollution free particularly the Mahanadi and the Pamba rivers:

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the expenditure incurred on cleaning of each river during the last three years and till date;

(e) whether the Brahmani river got polluted due to the breakage of embankment of NALCO`s ash pond; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps, if any, being taken to save underground water from contamination ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T. R.BAALU)

(a) to (d) Under the ongoing phase of National River Conservation Plan(NRCP), Polluted stretches of 27 major rivers in 16 states have so far been identified and included for pollution abatement. The list of these rivers along with amount released so far is at Aannexure. Pollution abatement works in Cuttuck Town on river Kathjori / Mahanadi, at and estimated cost of Rs.14.04 crore, have been included under the NRCP. So far, and amount of Rs.92 lakhs has been released to the State Govt of Orissa.

(e) & (f) The waters of Rivers Nandira and Brahmani were polluted after the breach of NALCO ash pond on 31-12-2000. The Orissa State Pollution Contro Board has issued directions of NALCO to provide alternate source of water to the people of the affected area till the water quality of these rivers returns to normal. As for the ground water contamination, some of the dug wells in the vicinity of ash ponds were silted due to ash slurry. The NALCO authorities were directed to clean these dug wells by 28th February 2001. They have desilted all these wells before that date and there is no other source of contamination of ground water.

Annexure refer to in part (a) to (d) of reply of Lok sabha Starred Question No.76 to be answered on Monday the 26.02.2001

FUND RELEASED DURING LAST 3 YEARS AND TILL DATE UNDER NATIONAL RIVER CONSERVATION PLAN

(Rs. In lakhs)

S.No.	STATE/RIVER	Total
I	ANDHRA PRADESH	877.89
1	Godavari	
II	BIHAR/ III) JHARKHAND	106.50
2	Ganga	
3	Subarnrekha	
4	Damodar	
IV	GUJARAT	2583.62
5	Sabarmati	
V	KARNATAKA	834.65
6	Tunga	
7	Tungabhadra	
8	Bhadra	
9	Cauvery	
VI	MAHARASTRA	1033.00
Godavari		
10	Krishna	

VII MADHYA PRADESH 2472.70
11 Betwa
12 Chambal
13 Khan
14 Kshipra
15 Narmada
16 Tapti
17 Wainganga
VIII ORISSA 92.00
18 Brahmini
19 Mahanadi
IX PUNJAB 2446.80
20 Satluj
X RAJASTHAN 50.00
Chambal
XI TAMILNADU 2094.57
Cauvery
21 Adyar
22 Cooum
23 Vennar
24 Vaigai
25 Tambrabrarani
XII Hrayana 7317.00
26 Yamuna
XIII Delhi 475.09
Yamuna
XIVUttar Pradesh/XV)Uttranchal 20695.61
Ganga
Yamuna
27 Gomati
XVIWest Bengal 952.21
Ganga
Damodar

GRAND TOTAL: 42031.64